

**Supplementary Note for the Legislative Council Panel on Security
Admission of Mainland Professionals Scheme**

In relation to the paper submitted by the Administration on the Admission of Mainland Professionals Scheme, we are requested to provide the following supplementary information :

- (a) The number of foreign professionals admitted in the past three years and its breakdown by occupation

The number of employment visas issued to foreign professionals in the past three years is set out in the table below. We do not keep statistical breakdown by individual occupations, but we have maintained broad categorisation by the nature of occupations.

Profession	1998	1999	2000
Investors	238	257	219
Technical professionals ¹	2 891	2 478	4 187
Administrators, managers and other professionals	7 373	6 947	8 297
Others (e.g. representatives of overseas companies)	3 885	4 080	5 209
Total (% change over previous year)	14 387 (-9%)	13 762 (-4%)	17 912 (+30%)

- (b) Anticipated job creation arising from the Mainland Professionals Scheme

According to the findings of the regular surveys conducted by the Census

¹ This category includes technical experts such as engineers and specialists.

and Statistics Department on the effectiveness of the Admission of Talents Scheme, it is anticipated that on average six job opportunities mainly at the professional and supervisory levels will be created with the admission of one talent. The surveys were conducted on the basis of questionnaires completed by employing firms. Similarly, we expect that the Mainland Professionals Scheme will also generate job opportunities for the local work force. However, we cannot assess the precise impact at this stage, as much will depend on the peculiar circumstances and operation of the firms applying under the Scheme.

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